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3. [] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and filled him in on my meeting with Chairman Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee. I also briefed him on the Director's correspondence with Chairman Lee Hamilton, Subcommittee on Near East and South Asia, House Foreign Affairs Committee, concerning the alert of American forces during the Middle East crisis. Slatinshek asked if possible if he could see a copy of the correspondence.

I briefed Slatinshek on the Agency's negotiations with GSA on SLUC. Due to time limitations we didn't get into detail but he asked that we discuss it further. In his opinion the position taken by GSA is complete nonsense. As Chairman Nedzi had done, Slatinshek noted the Agency should not expect very much help from OMB in either the SLUC or the Renegotiation Board Air America problems.

I discussed with Slatinshek the presentation before the full Committee tomorrow morning on S. 2714 the CIARDS cost of living bill. Slatinshek will attempt to field any questions coming from the full Committee in order to avoid getting into classified information.

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4. [] Met with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, and made an appointment for Wednesday, 12 December at 10:00 a.m. for John Iams, Comptroller, and [] Deputy. Preston asked that the other meetings tentatively scheduled for this week be put off at least until next week due to the press of Committee business.

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Preston's assistant, Marcia Matt, is checking the files for material relating to the restrictions imposed on the Defense Department in shipment of foreign-made privately owned vehicles. [] D/SSA/DDM&S, 25X1A has been advised.

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5. [] Received a call from Bruce Merkel, in the office of Representative William Bray, who asked if I would come by and pick up a letter that Bray is sending to an Agency employee.

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6. [] Called General Ray Furlong, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Legislative Affairs, and asked him the status of legislation providing foreign billets to West Point. (This has to do with the desire of the [] to attend West Point.) General Furlong said he would check and let us know.

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1. [] Received a call from Bill Hogan, House Armed Services Committee staff, who told me that S. 2714, the cost-of-living amendments, will be heard by the full Committee in open session in the main Committee room at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 11 December. Hogan would appreciate if we could have someone standing by in the event of questions that he cannot handle. [] has been advised.

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2. [] and I spent three hours with Senator Howard Baker who asked us to come over and discuss Watergate matters and give him a chance to review the sensitive supplement to our collection of Watergate material. Also present was George Murphy, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff. See Memo for the Record.

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3. [] Dave Cahn, Legislative Assistant to Congressman Angelo Roncallo, called concerning the Agency's report of 23 November 1973 on H.R. 4294 and H.R. 6364, Double Retirement Credit for Prisoners of War, and said that he was very pleased with our comments as it had pointed out certain deficiencies in the bill which he had not realized existed, such as its failure to apply to "former employees." He also recognized that the bill fell short of its mark since their principal objective was to permit a POW who wanted to retire early to do so, and not to grant a retirement bonus to those POW's who continue in Federal employment. He also observed that the POW issue did not have the political appeal it once had and this may well impair any movement on the legislation. I told him for our part we were pleased that he had included the CIA Retirement Act in legislation which would have so fundamentally changed the retirement service credit concept.

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3. [] [] called and asked if we would explore the possibility of obtaining a Senator or staff member from the Senate to speak to the Advanced Intelligence Seminar on the Hill on 23 January 1974. I told him we would be glad to see what we could do.

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4. [] Col. Duvall, of Representative Daniel J. Flood's (D., Pa.) office, called requesting a []

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[] I told Duvall that I thought we had recently received a written request for this from the Congressman and later confirmed to him that the first issue would be delivered on 12 December 1973, which was completely satisfactory to him.

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5. [] Vivian Ronca, on the staff of Senator Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), called to ask whether the Agency has ever had any contact with an individual by the name Steven Saler. Saler, a Newsweek correspondent, was presumed lost at sea off the coast of Sardinia on or about 4 October 1973. After making a thorough inquiry within the Agency, I informed Ms. Ronca that based upon the information she provided us, we could find that no association between Saler and this Agency ever existed.

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6. [] Met with Chairman Nedzi, Special Subcommittee on Intelligence, House Armed Services Committee, and responded to a number of questions that he had raised. I reviewed with him Pat Gray's testimony during his nomination hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee wherein he inserted in the record his letter of 19 June to H. R. Haldeman concerning the results of investigation of the burglary of the Watergate. I also gave him an additional copy of Howard Osborn's letter of 20 June 1972 to the Acting Director, FBI, wherein we made reference to [] Nedzi has no further question on this subject.

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I reviewed with him correspondence between the Director and Representative Lee Hamilton (D., Ind.), Chairman of the Near East and South Asia Subcommittee, Foreign Affairs Committee, concerning the alert of American forces during the Middle East crisis. Nedzi was in complete accord with the position taken by the Director.

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I briefed him also on the inclusion of Secret Service personnel in the [] course, the current situation in Thailand, SAT and Air America status as of today, and the Wall Street Journal item concerning SAT. He noted his appreciation at being kept currently informed on these matters.

I received from Nedzi a copy of his remarks of 14 November before the Senior Seminar at Headquarters. I again thanked him for his appearance and for his handling of our retirement bill.

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25X1 7. [] I called Bill Jones, Government Activities
Subcommittee, House Committee on Government Operations, in follow up
of my last contact with him concerning []

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that he was maybe in a better position than I to know whether interveners
were now satisfied.

I asked Jones how he would like us to handle the letter to
Chairman Jack Brooks (D., Texas) concerning the Agency's disposal
authority which GSA Administrator, Arthur F. Sampson, had referred to
Mr. Colby. In light of my prior offers in this connection, Jones said he
would check with Brooks to find out what the next steps might be, i. e.,
briefing of Brooks or of Jones, a written reply, or a possible joint meeting
with Brooks, CIA and GSA. In connection with the possible joint meeting
with GSA, Jones differed with my interpretation of Sampson's letter to
Brooks, saying that he thought the GSA was saying that the Agency had no
authority for the disposal, and I said, while the letter could be interpreted
as such, I thought the letter recognized that perhaps the CIA was in
the best position to present the legal authorities relied upon for disposal.
Mr. Warner was advised and is preparing a legal brief setting forth the
Agency's position for possible use with our oversight committees, if this
becomes necessary.

25X1 8. [] Met with William Hogan, Counsel, Special
Subcommittee on Intelligence, House Armed Services Committee, who told
me that if we had no objection he would send the transcript of the hearing on
S. 2714 on to the printers without review by the Agency. I told him we had
no objection and we appreciated his expediting the publication so that the bill
could be presented at the earliest possible moment to the full Committee.

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